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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Oct-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 10/19/02	PREVIOUS WEEK 10/12/02
BRO-FRY	160,844	163,699
LT HENS	1,986	1,912
HVY HENS	1,659	1,590

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA  
WEEK ENDING 12-Oct-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	266	4	270
LAST WEEK	318	4	322
SAME WK YR AGO	354	0	354
TO DATE 2002	12,599	265	12,864
TO DATE 2001	17,508	247	17,755

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SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,020	1,540	3,560
LAST WEEK	2,210	1,626	3,836
SAME WK YR AGO	2,343	1,446	3,789
TO DATE 2002	84,596	57,885	142,481
TO DATE 2001	90,724	56,893	147,617

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 12-Oct-02 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	158,073 (A)	1,754	1,536	3,290
AVG WT	5.08	3.30	8.14	5.56
LAST WEEK	159,097	1,892	1,622	3,514
SAME WEEK YR AGO	156,472	1,989	1,446	3,435
AVG WT	5.04	3.37	7.96	5.30
TO-DATE/2002	6,375,068	71,997	57,620	129,617
TO-DATE/2001	6,316,689	73,216	56,646	129,862

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160 million head or 2.7 million head more than or 102% percent of estimated fryers available.

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**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING October 5, 2002**

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	13,051	13,369	24,610
AVG WEIGHT	3.86	4.54	6.29
% OF TOTAL /1	26%	26%	48%
COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	27,768	25,056	43,101
AVG WEIGHT	3.88	4.85	6.10
% OF TOTAL /1	29%	26%	45%
SAME WEEK, YR AGO /2	19,784	22,689	39,278
AVG WEIGHT	3.78	4.78	6.21
% OF TOTAL /1	24%	28%	48%
TO DATE/2002	1,036,098	884,369	1,648,111
TO DATE/2001	1,266,154	1,102,137	1,736,810

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 12-Oct-02  
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,631	2,926	93	15	4,665
AVG WT	15.82	35.23	24.70	26.48	28.21
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,770	2,910	27	20	4,727
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,952	3,087	48	6	5,093
AVG WT	15.69	33.30	24.44	35.34	26.46
TO-DATE/2002	75,405	112,047	2,176	359	189,987
TO-DATE/2001	82,063	112,781	1,840	445	197,129

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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